# 1996 GOLD HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1996

*Presents* the "Early Years" of *EDUCATION*

COVER PHOTO STORY ON BACK PAGE

CLASS OF 1907 - DISTRICT #88

(INSET) The 1st schoolhouse
Courtesy M Ruth Harmon GHHS #1449

**ALDERBROOK** in 1916 GHHS#1450
Courtesy M Ruth Harmon

**SARDINE CREEK SCHOOL - DIST #88**

Formed 1905, 1st school (inset), built 1906. New school, Alderbrook, built in 1915. Annexed to Gold Hill Dist #57 in 1939.

**CLASS OF 1903** at old school GHHS#1451
Courtesy M Ruth Harmon

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 New Year's Day | 2 1900 Gold Hill population 385 *** | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 1884 Land deeded for Gold Hill by Thom. Chavner | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 1910 Gold Hill population 785 *** | 17 GH Historical Society meeting 7:00pm at museum | 18 | 19 | 20 1986 First meeting of GH Historical Society |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 1920 Gold Hill population 489 *** | 31 | | | |

# JANUARY 1996

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**CLASS OF 1927** at Alderbrook School GHHS #1753
Courtesy Iris Dusenberry Kendal (center front)

GOLD HILL SCHOOL about 1900 GHHS #179
Courtesy Blanche Merriman
(Inset) 1st GOLD HILL SCHOOLHOUSE in 1889 GHHS #2032
Courtesy Ted Wharton

Gold Hill's 1st School located where Hanby now stands.

CLASS OF 1909, at 2nd school GHHS #1873
Courtesy Phyllis (Miller) Newell

**GOLD HILL SCHOOL DIST #57**

Formed Aug 1, 1888.
Annexed to Dist #6 "Manzanita" July 7, 1949

CLASS OF 1920, at the new school GHHS #586
Courtesy Blanche Merriman

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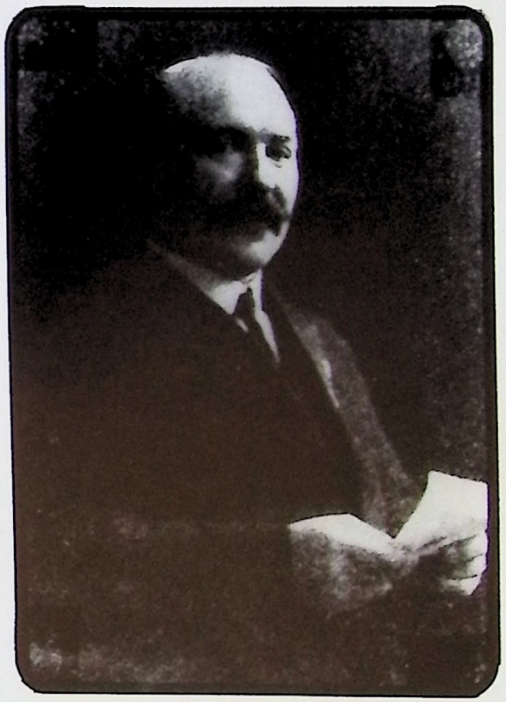
| | ***Denotes we only know year, not date | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 1949 - Dist #6 (Manzanita) absorbs Gold Hill Sch Dist *** | 7 | 8 | 9 1895 Rock Point Cemetary land deeded by J.B. White | 10 |
| 11 | 12 Abe Lincoln's Birthday | 13 | 14 1859 Oregon becomes the 33rd state | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 GH Historical Society meeting 7:00pm at museum | 22 George Washington's Birthday | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 LEAP DAY | FEBRUARY 1996 | |



1912 photo of Prof. Isaac GHHS #1995
Courtesy Charlotte Walker Seely

**1915 NEWS STAFF** GHHS #291
(inset) **1915 TYPING CLASS** GHHS #66

Courtesy Mary Truax Hendricks

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**JOHN KELSEY**

1915 Student Body President (center of both pictures)

**1915 High School classes** l. GHHS #67 r. GHHS #68
Courtesy Mary Truax Hendricks

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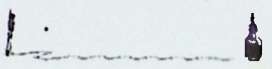
| **MARCH 1996** | | ***Denotes we only know year, not date | | | 1 **1889 Gold Hill designated District #57** | 2 |
| 3 **1889 Galls Creek Dist #61 established** | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 **1921 Dardanelle's school destroyed by fire ***** | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 **1917 Pres Taft visits valley schools ***** | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 **St Patrick's Day** | 18 | 19 | 20 **GHHS meeting 7:00pm ---- Vernal Equinox spring begins** | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 / 31 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

1914-15 5th & 6th grade classes GHHS #1466
Courtesy Ted Wharton



In 1871, Dist #35 was named "Tallholt",
then "Woodville" and finally in 1912 Rogue River

**DOMESTIC SCIENCE CLASS - 1912** Gold Hill High School GHHS #1446
Courtesy M Ruth Harmon

**GOLD HILL HIGH SCHOOL,** 4 grades in 1914, in costume GHHS #1442
Courtesy Ted Wharton

**FIRST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**

May 23, 1913
One girl,
Hattie Hodges

**DIST #98** named after Chief Tolo. Brick school built in 1911 with 18 students.

1929 Gold Hill play cast GHHS #465
Courtesy Margaret Rackley

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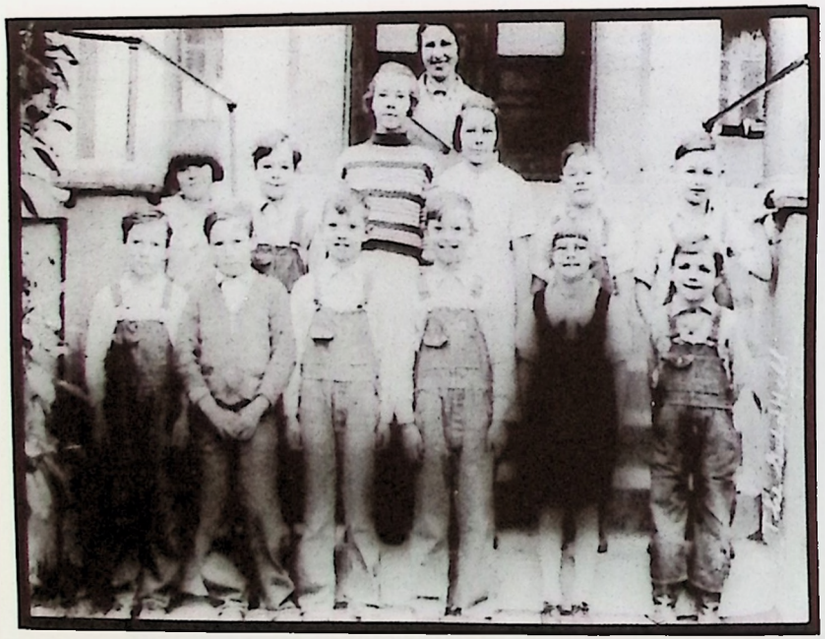
| | 1 April Fool's Day | 2 1895 First City Council Meeting | 3 | 4 | 5 Good Friday | 6 |
| 7 EASTER | 8 1887 Pankey District #41 established *** | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 GH Historical Society meeting 7:00pm at museum | 18 | 19 1775 Revolutionary War begins | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 1856 Dist #7 D Newcomb with 10 students, makes $216/yr | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | ***Denotes we only know year, not date | | | |

**APRIL 1996**

**SENIOR DRESS-UP, 1939** GHHS #467
Courtesy Margaret Rackley
l-r Alice Annernst, Arlene Jean Campbell, Charlotte Walker

**7th GRADE about 1933, Maude Coy Robinson, teacher.** GHHS #374
Courtesy Winona Shoemaker Nichols



**Madge Mitchell's 2nd grade**, ALL twins (she was also a twin) GHHS #1935
Courtesy Pearl Walker

**1900**
**Early school bell & belltower cost $250**

**1854**

1st School District was Dist #1 in Jacksonville. TF Royal was Super.

**3nd grade in 1927**, Miss Sargent, teacher GHHS #370
Courtesy Winona Shoemaker Nichols

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| | **MAY 1996** ***Denotes we know the year, not date | | 1 | 2 By 1939 Gold Hill Sch Dist absorbs 5 area districts *** | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Mother's Day | 13 | 14 | 15 GH Historical Society meeting 7:00pm at museum | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Memorial Day | 28 "Summer" hours begin at the museum | 29 1849 Last year of GHHS graduates *** | 30 | 31 | |

**Maude Coy Robinson**, long time Gold Hill teacher GHHS #1224
Courtesy Ivy Daugherty

**Graduation at 2nd school, formerly City Hall. Dr Kelsey, center rear.** GHHS #56

Courtesy Mary Truax Hendricks

## CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

THIS WILL CERTIFY That Ida Starns

has satisfactorily completed the studies required by the State Course of Study in the Sixth Grade Division of the Sardine Creek School in District No. 88 of Jackson County, Oregon, and is hereby promoted to the Seventh Grade Division.

Dated this 26 day of May 1911

Bessie Newton
TEACHER.

Portion of 1911 Report Card. Signed by teacher, Bessie Newtown
Courtesy Ida Starns Wharton

1911 Teachers: L-R Grace Ryan, ?, Mabel Scott, Carl Darling, Nora Newtown, ?, Bessie Newtown. GHHS #1464 Courtesy Ted Wharton

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| | **JUNE 1996** | | ***Denotes we know year, not date | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 1854 T F Royal 1st State Superintendent of Schools *** | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 1910 Grade School teachers wages- $65/mn *** | 12 | 13 | 14 Flag Day | 15 1906 - Miss Ambrosine Murphy teaches at Dardanelle's |
| 16 Father's Day | 17 | 18 | 19 GH Historical Society meeting 7:00pm at museum | 20 Summer Solstice 1st day of summer | 21 | 22 |
| 23 30 | 24 | 25 1910 - Mrs G.H. Patrick chosen clerk of GH School Dist | 26 | 27 | 28 1887 Dardanelle's "NEW" school was built | 29 |

1915 High School graduating class. Gold Hill High School. GHHS #58
Courtesy Mary Truax Hendricks

**7th & 8th Grades at new school, about 1912. J Horton Beeman, son of Josiah Beeman, builder of our Museum, L-Front. GHHS #1246**
Coutesy Jerry Jeroloman

1925 - 2nd grade, Miss Harper, teacher. GHHS #369
Courtesy Ted Wharton

1926 - 1st grade, Miss Harper, teacher. GHHS #373
Coutesy Winona Shoemaker Nichols

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 4th of July 221st Anniversary | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 1870 L White donates land for Rock Point School *** | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 GH Historical Society meeting 7:00pm at museum | 18 | 19 1854 Dist #1 formed by T.F. Royal | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 1911-1949 District #98 Tolo | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 1910 Brick School built (Hanby)*** | 31 | | | |

**JULY 1996**

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Entire Gold Hill School in about 1923.
Prof. Milam, far right. GHHS #2022
Courtesy Pat Foley

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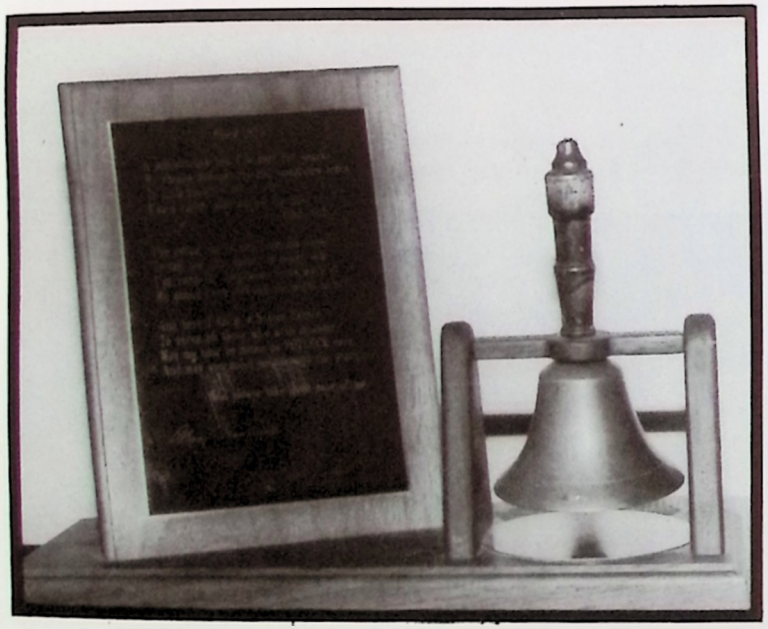
**1919-20 - Gold Hill High School graduating class.** (See " announcements" below) GHHS #1783
Coutesy M Ruth Harmon



1875 Desk-top school bell, used by & donated by
Mary Truax Hendricks. (Now in our Museum) GHHS #918

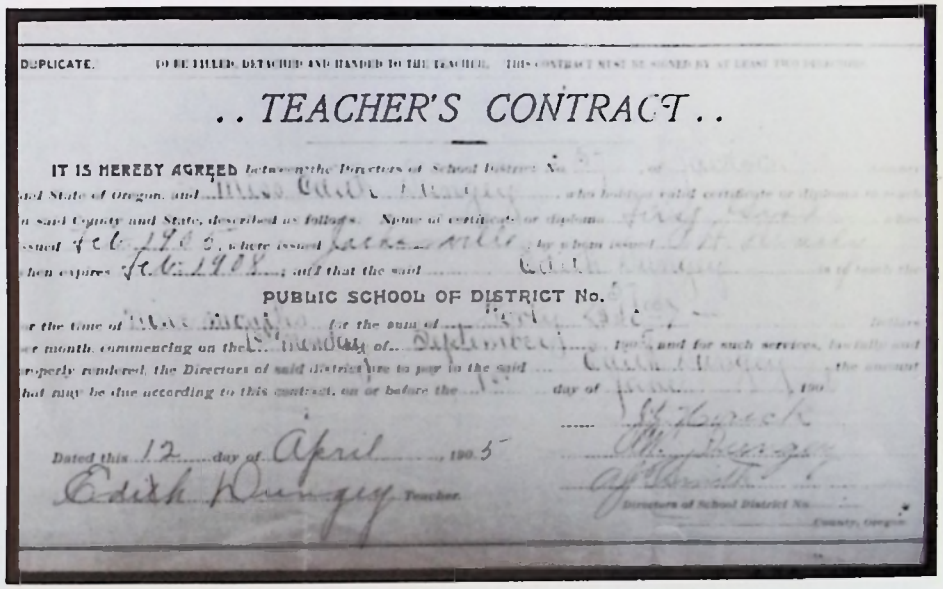
THE CLASS OF
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY
OF
GOLD HILL HIGH SCHOOL
ANNOUNCES ITS
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
FRIDAY EVENING, MAY TWENTY FIRST
AT EIGHT O'CLOCK IN
THE PAVILION
GOLD HILL OREGON
CLASS OF 1920
MOTTO:
"DEEDS, NOT DREAMS."

CLASS COLORS — CREAM AND ROSE
CLASS FLOWER — MAMIE VAN HOUTE

CLASS ROLL
SUSIE M. STARNS
VINETA A. FLEMING
KATHERINE E. COOK
LEORA K. FITZGERALD
EVAGENE K. STARNS
ALICE M. JOHNSON
VERNON D. FLEMING

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 8:00 P. M.
THE PAVILION

INVOCATION — REV. C. O. MORRIS
MUSIC — GLEE CLUB
INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS — W. L. GREENLEAF
ADDRESS — A. J. HARRY
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS — W. L. GREENLEAF



DUPLICATE. TO BE FILLED, DETACHED AND HANDED TO THE TEACHER. THIS CONTRACT MUST BE SIGNED BY AT LEAST TWO DIRECTORS

# .. TEACHER'S CONTRACT ..

IT IS HEREBY AGREED between the Directors of School District No. ... and State of Oregon, and ... who holds said certificate or diploma in said County and State, described as follows: Name of certificate or diploma ... issued Feb 1905, where issued ... by whom issued ... when expires Feb 1908, and that the said ... will

PUBLIC SCHOOL OF DISTRICT No. ...

for the time of ... for the sum of ... per month, commencing on the ... Monday of ... and for such services, in like amount properly rendered, the Directors of said district are to pay to the said ... that may be due according to this contract, on or before the ... day of ... 190...

Dated this 12 day of April 190 5

Edith Dungey Teacher.

Directors of School District No. ...

County, Oregon.

1905-1908 Teacher's contract. Salary $40/month. GHHS #396
Courtesy Margaret Rackley

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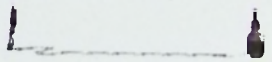
| | **AUGUST 1996** ***Denotes we know year, not date | | | 1 1888 Gold Hill District #57 established | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 1956 Patrick School built *** | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 1906 Competent teacher, Galls Creek. $40/mn | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Tentative date for the "ANNUAL" GHHS | 19 | 20 | 21 GH Historical Society meeting 7:00pm at museum | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 1905-1915 Dist #88 Sardine Creek | 27 1915-1939 Dist #88 Alderbrook | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

School Board in 1937: L-R Chas. Kell, WE Ross, Hazel Holderness & AA Walker GHHS #2033
Courtesy Charlotte Walker Seely



Gold Hill graduates in 1927. Merritt Hittle, Lester Foley, Bob Kenaston, Larry Smith, Orls Stalswoth, Vera Dunken & Alice Smith.

**1933 Ford School bus, driven in 1936 by Carl Routh. Teachers: L-R, June Robbins, Mary Shoemaker & Beth Paulson.**
**GHHS #61** Courtesy Marge Martin

A happy class of kids at Gold Hill school GHHS #345
Courtesy Ted Wharton

Girl's Gym class in 1935 GHHS #393
Courtesy Winona Shoemaker Nichols

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| 1<br>1902 Gold Ray Dam dedicated | 2<br>Labor Day | 3<br>1996 School year begins | 4 | 5<br>"Fall" hours begin at the museum | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11<br>1868 Foots Creek District #32 established | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15<br>1920 Oregon Ag College opens Fall term. FREE tuition | 16 | 17 | 18<br>GH Historical Society meeting 7:00pm at museum | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23<br>Autumnal Equinox Fall begins | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
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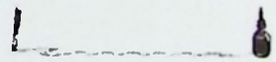
**SEPTEMBER 1996**

Senior Class of 1937 GHHS
(Mark & Ted had moved away) GHHS #1999
Courtesy Charlotte Walker Seely



"We always laugh at teachersjokes,
No matter what they be. Tis not because
They're funny, but because it's policy."

**5th & 6th grades in Fall costumes in 1913, at the city park. GHHS #1469**
Courtesy Ted Wharton

1920 photo of Evelyn Cameron, 3rd from the left.
6th grade class. GHHS #1322
Courtesy Leonard Kell

"Spare the rod & spoil the child" Prof. Meisinger used a large paddle in 1930 !!

Gold Hill School student body & teachers
In 1914. GHHS #1833
Courtesy Phyllis Miller Newell

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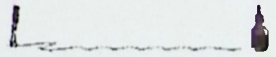
| | | 1 **1926 Debate started in GHHS ***** | 2 **1869 Willow Springs District #14** | 3 **1927 Girl's & Boy's Glee Club established ***** | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 **1925 Lassies O' Life GHHS girl's club estab. ***** | 9 | 10 **1854 The first execution, a triple hanging** | 11 | 12 **Columbus Day (actual)** |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 **GH Historical Society meeting 7:00pm at museum** | 17 | 18 **1852 Dardanelle's Post Office established** | 19 **1863 Rock Point School Dist #25 estab.** |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 **End Daylight Savings Time** | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 **1927 saw a wagon on the Church roof ALL HALLOWS EVE** | **OCTOBER 1996** ***Denotes we know year, not date | |

Junior class in about 1912. BG Harding,
Principal, under tree. GHHS #187
Courtesy Mary Truax Hendricks

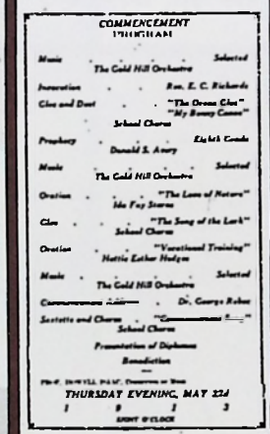


1930 - Gold Hill & Central Point, the only
Schools in county with 4-H clubs.

**Sophomore Class of 1936 at Gold Hill High School. "Shuttle guidance" designer, Mark Campbell, 2nd from left, back row. GHHS #469**

Courtesy Winona Shoemaker Nichols

Gold Hill Basketball champions in 1916.
Vic Flint, coach. GHHS #469
Courtesy Ted Wharton



COMMENCEMENT
PROGRAM

Music . . . Selected
The Gold Hill Orchestra
Invocation . . . Rev. E. C. Richards
Glee and Duet . . . "The Ocean Glee" "My Bonny Comes"
School Chorus
Prophecy . . . Eighth Grade
Donald S. Avery
Music . . . Selected
The Gold Hill Orchestra
Oration . . . "The Laws of Nature"
Ida Fay Storms
Glee . . . "The Song of the Lark"
School Chorus
Oration . . . "Vocational Training"
Hattie Esther Hedges
Music . . . Selected
The Gold Hill Orchestra
Commencement Address . . . Dr. George Rebec
Sextette and Chorus . . . "[illegible]"
School Chorus
Presentation of Diplomas
Benediction

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 22d
8 O'CLOCK

Champion Track team in 1914. Warren Coppock
On right. GHHS #65
Courtesy Mary Truax Hendricks

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| **NOVEMBER 1996** | | ***Denotes we know year, not date | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 **Election Day VOTE** | 6 | 7 | 8 **1898 Gus Newbury School Superintendant ***** | 9 |
| 10 | 11 **Veteran's Day** | 12 | 13 | 14 **1959 Gold Hill Dist annexed to District #6 ***** | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 **GH Historical Society meeting 7:00pm at museum** | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 **1853 Father James Croke begins the 1st Catholic School** | 26 | 27 | 28 **Thanksgiving Day** | 29 **"Winter" hours at the museum begins** | 30 |

Basketball wanne-be's. Can you pick out
Delos Walker? GHHS #372
Courtesy Winona Shoemaker Nichols

**1920 Senior Class: L-R(front) Katherine Cook, Alice Johnson, Vineta Fleming; (middle) Susan Starns, Vernon Fleming, Evagene Starns, Leona Fitzgerald. Teachers: L-R Mrs. Mason, Mr. Greenleaf, Mr. Hutchinson, Miss Beaver. GHHS #1781**

Courtesy M Ruth Harmon

1923 Student body on the steps of the Gym.
Prof. Wright, Teacher. GHHS #422
Courtesy Margaret Rackely

Moonville Dist #41 in 1877, became Pankey in 1945

1st & 2nd grade in about 1935. GHHS #2016
Courtesy Chester Foley

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Pearl Harbor Day |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 1865 Dardanelle's District #17 established |
| 15 | 16 | 17 1859 Rock Point Post Office established | 18 GH Historical Society meeting 7:00pm at museum | 19 | 20 | 21 Winter Solstice 1st day of winter |
| 22 | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve | 25 Christmas Day | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 New Year's Eve | | | | |

**DECEMBER**
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Freshman Class in 1937. Gold Hill High School
GHHS #2000. Courtesy Charlotte Walker Seely

1951 Bud Morgan-Jerry Eskew-
Jim Roddy- Join Navy

**DARDANELLE'S SCHOOLS. In 1860 a log cabin fort was used. It became Dist #17 in 1865. New school built in 1887 (lower inset), school rebuilt in 1900 (upper inset). Annexed to Gold Hill, Dist #57 in 1921. The school building burned that year. GHHS #1744; 2014; 2021**

Courtesy Kevin Ferris & Pat Foley

**About the cover photo:**
Fire drill at the Gold Hill School in 1914. Built in 1910, it permitted the move from the old City Hall building, to allow a high school. A wing was added in 1920 with a Gymnasium in 1922. In 1949 Dist #57 annexed to Central Point Dist #6 with high school moving to Crater. The sturdy building, built with locally manufactured bricks, is still in use now, as "A J Hanby" Middle school.
GHHS #290 Courtesy Mary Truax Henricks

1919 photo at Dardanelle's school after remodeling. Teacher Ruth Lull, Twins, Lester & Chester Foley, (Bottom row,left) School annexed to Dist #57 in 1921. Chester Foley,died 10/95 GHHS #2017 Courtesy Lester Foley

THANKS are in order for the Officers & Members of GHHS who furnished old pictures & history, as well as helped on our 1st ever School calendar. Acknowledgements are given wherever possible for materials used. The Gold Hill Hist Soc can assume no liability as to accuracy of names, dates, facts or places. It was impossible to include all material available, so we strived to cover important & interesting episodes. Since this is an historical calendar, we give very little coverage newer than 40 years. We welcome any corrections or identifications. We plan a supplemental pamphlet giving names as best we can list them.
"The Calendar Committee"

Patrick Elementary School, named after long-time teacher, Margaret Griffiths Patrick (inset above), was built in 1956 to relieve the load on present school. Gilbert Mack (inset below), was long-time Principal. His Chev truck is shown on left. GHHS #132
Courtesy Mildred Mack

c 1996 Gold Hill Historical Society – PO Box 26 – Gold Hill OR 97525
Museum located at 504 1st [illegible]nue, in Gold Hill

**Gold Hill's 2nd school, built originally as a City Hall, was occupied from about 1901 to 1910. It later housed the library, Boy Scout Troop & other city uses. GHHS #174**

Courtesy Blanche Merriman